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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to convey my **support** for the EchoStar and Hughes Electronics merger proposal that the Federal Communications Commission **is** considering.

As a REALTOR® in Iowa, I have seen **many** changes take place in the real estate profession over the **years**. **One** of those changes **is** the need for better **and** faster **technology** regardless of **where you live**. **Currently**, our rural areas **are suffering** because they do not have the **tools** available to advance with technology.

I **am** writing to **ask** for your **support** of this merger so we can give the smaller communities **the** opportunity to thrive in a global marketplace. This merger will allow **consumers who currently have no choices in high-speed** Internet, or even local Internet dial-ups to be provided **with** options for the technology that **most** urban areas already have.

I believe if the FCC approves this merger, it will provide an **important** tool for rural **Iowans and the businesses that serve them**.

Sincerely,

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